

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS18795**

The State of Idaho is on the verge of experiencing significant impacts across a wide spectrum of its natural and economic resources as a result of the accidental introduction of various aquatic nuisance species, primarily quagga and zebra mussels. The impacts across the state will be extreme, affecting the economic, social and recreational pursuits of all Idahoans who are influenced by hydro power and other dams, drinking water, agricultural diversions for irrigation, recreational pursuits such as boating, fishing, golf courses, hatcheries, and the aquaculture industry. The ecological impacts of introduction of these and other invasives are immeasurable and irreversible. There are approximately 90,000 registered motorized vessels in Idaho, plus an estimated 9,000 non-resident motorized vessels that recreate on our public waterways each year. Non-motorized boaters are estimated at between 90,000 and 120,000.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There will be a fiscal impact to Idaho Parks and Recreation's dedicated funds. Based upon the projected sticker fees, IDPR will need additional spending authority of \$1,580,000.00 in Trustee and Benefit for fund 0243. This will allow the Department to pass these funds through to the Invasive Species Fund in accordance with Sec. 22-1911, Idaho Code. IDPR will also incur estimated costs of \$65,000.00 to establish the new registration program.

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